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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

SUBJECT: Daily Log

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[ ] reports that the status of ex-king Zog vis-a-vis the Egyptian authorities was thoroughly explored by [ ] Chief External Operations [ ] during a meeting with Zog on 3 February. According to Zog no irregularities were discovered in the tax officials' inquiry on 28-30 January, and, as a result, his lawyers as well as the Egyptian officials expect full tax clearance papers within fifteen days, thereby enabling him to depart from the country. Zog is willing to post bond pending settlement of the customs claims which will be handled by his lawyers after his departure. He estimated that he will have approximately 8,000 gold pounds remaining after the payment of debts, taxes and customs. Apart from this sum and his family jewels, he has no other means of support. Regarding his alleged involvement with the Moslem brotherhood and other anti-regime personalities, Zog asserted that his contacts had been infrequent and purely social, denying any interference with Egyptian internal or external affairs. Zog was informed that the Americans have made a maximum effort in his behalf and was advised to depart as soon as possible, with 1 April given as a deadline. Zog indicated his agreement to avoid publicity and press conferences en route to the U.S. and to make no derogatory statements concerning the Egyptian Government and its treatment of his case. [ ] obtained Zog's signed statement covering the points of their discussion. [ ] dtd 6 Feb 54, IN-16375)

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